Amendments to the Claims

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

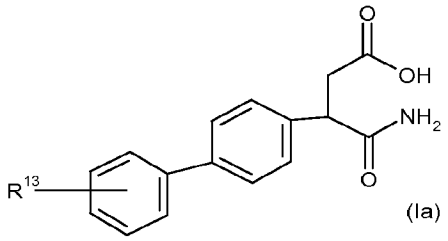
1. **(Cancelled)**.

2. **(Cancelled)**.

3. **(Cancelled)**.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim ~~1~~ **11**, wherein Z represents a bond or O.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A compound according to claim ~~1~~ **11** of formula (Ia):



(Ia)

wherein:

R^{13} is H, halo, CF_3, $-OCF_3$, cyano, nitro, OR^{14}, SR^{15} or COR^{16}; and

R^{14}, R^{15}, R^{16} independently are H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkylaryl; or physiologically functional derivatives thereof.

6. **(Cancelled)**.

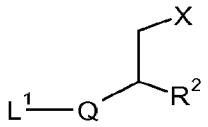
7. **(Cancelled)**.

8. **(Cancelled)**.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim ~~1~~ **11** and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

10. **(Currently Amended)** A process for preparation of compounds of formula (I) as defined in claim ~~1~~ **11**, wherein the process comprises:

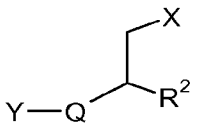
(A) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is a bond and R^1 is an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, by reacting a compound of formula (II):



(II)

wherein R^2, Q and X are as previously defined for formula (I) and L^1 is a leaving group, with a reagent suitable to introduce the group R^1; or

(B) (i) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^4 or OCR^4R^5, by reacting a compound of formula (III):



(III)

wherein R^2, Q and X are as previously defined for formula (I) and Y is OH, SH, NHR^4 or $HOCR^4R^5$, with a compound of formula (IV):

$$R^1L^2 \qquad \text{(IV)}$$

wherein R^1 is defined above for compounds of formula (I) and L^2 represents a leaving group; and

(ii) wherein Y is –SH, optionally followed by oxidizing the Y group to the corresponding SO or SO_2 group as required; or

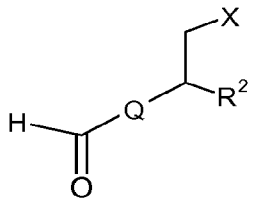
(C) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is $-CR^4R^5O-$, by reacting a compound of formula (III), wherein Y is –OH, with a compound of formula (V):

$$R^1CR^4R^5L^3 \qquad \text{(V)}$$

wherein R^1 R^4, R^5 are defined above for compounds of formula (I) and L^3 represents a leaving group; or

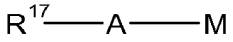
(D) preparing a compound of formula (I), wherein Z is CH_2 and R^1 is an optionally substituted 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, by reacting

(i) a compound of formula (VI):



(VI)

wherein Q, X and R^2 are as defined above, with an optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl nucleophile, which is a compound of formula (VII):



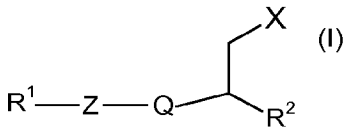
(VII)

wherein A is a 5- or 6- membered aryl or heteroaryl, R^{17} is H or one or more substituents and M is a metal and

(ii) reducing and eliminating a resultant or product alcohol formed form step (i); and,

(E) optionally deprotecting compounds of formula (I) with a protecting group.

11. **(New)** A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

R^1 is optionally substituted -C_{4-12} alkyl, -C_{2-10}alkylcycloalkyl, -C_{2-6}alkylheterocycloalkyl, -C_{2-6}alkylaryl, optionally substituted 5- or 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl, provided that R^1 is not pyridinyl;

Z is a bond, CH_2, O, S, SO, SO_2, NR^4, OCR^4R^5 or CR^4R^5O; or Z, R^1 and Q together form an optionally substituted fused tricyclic group;

Q is unsubstituted phenyl;

X is COOH;

R^2 is $CONH_2$;

R^4 and R^5 each independently is H, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkylaryl; or

physiologically functional derivatives thereof; and

further provided that when R^1 is C_{4-12}alkyl, Z is other than a bond, O or CH_2.